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SUBJECT: OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE BY KOREAN WORKERS AT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
PROJECT AT JUBAIL

1. CORPS OF ENGINEERS DIVISION ENGINEER BG WELLS CALLED THE
EMBASSY THIS MORNING (MARCH 14) TO REPORT A SERIOUS OUTBREAK
OF VIOLENCE YESTERDAY THAT INVOLVED KOREAN WORKERS OF THE
FIRM OF HUNG DAI (PHONETIC SPELLING) AT THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS
SUPERVISED NAVAL BASE PROJECT AT JUBAIL IN THE EASTERN PROVINCE.
THERE WAS NO RPT NO INVOLVEMENT OF CORPS PERSONNEL,
U.S. OR SAUDI CITIZENS.

2. THESE ARE THE FACTS AS RELAYED BY GEN. WELLS: AT ABOUT
NOON A GROUP OF DUMP TRUCK DRIVERS BEGAN HARASSING THEIR
SUPERVISORS AND BY MID-AFTERNOON USED THEIR TRUCKS TO RAMPAGE
THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION SITE, DAMAGING SEVERAL BUILDINGS.
LATER IN THE AFTERNOON THE DUMP TRUCK DRIVERS, NOW JOINED BY
OTHER WORKERS, GATHERED OUTSIDE THE SUPERVISORY OFFICE AND
STONED SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL AS THEY LEFT THE BUILDING. ONE
MAN HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED WITH A HEAD INJURY. FOUR OR FIVE
OTHERS HAVE BEEN INJURED.

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3. THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS DISPATCHED ITS DISTRICT ENGINEER
COL. GRAY TO JUBAIL AND SENT ANOTHER PLANE TO JIDDA TO
PICK UP THE KOREAN AMBASSADOR WHO IS NOW THERE. IN ADDITION
TO COMMANDER SAJA, THE SAUDI CNO, THERE ARE OTHER SENIOR
SAUDI MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS ON THE SCENE.

4. THE VIOLENCE HAS STOPPED THOUGH THERE IS STILL SOME UNREST. 15 DUMP TRUCK DRIVERS HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS THE PRINCIPLE AGITATORS.

5. WE MAY BE REPORTING ON THIS FURTHER AFTER WE HAVE MORE FULLY DEBRIEFED THE COE OFFICIALS WHO VISITED THE SCENE.
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